

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 274
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A RESOLUTION to honor the bountiful life of Wayne Tate.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor the memory of those citizens of this great State who achieved uncommon excellence in their chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Tate, who passed away in 2004, was one such estimable Tennessean who was deeply devoted to his family, his career, and his avocation of bird dog training and competition; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tate was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Tate served with acumen and alacrity in the railroad industry, where he had earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work before taking an early retirement; and

WHEREAS, an avid dog trainer, outdoorsman, sportsman, and animal lover, Wayne Tate also co-owned and managed Golden Creek Hunt Club near Moscow, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, his love of pointing dogs led him to compete in amateur field trials, in which he was most successful; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2005, Mr. Tate was posthumously recognized for his many contributions to bird dog training and amateur bird dog competition; and

WHEREAS, on this special occasion, the Vice-President of The Bird Dog Foundation presented his wife, Pat Tate, with a duplicate of the Patron Memorial plaque; the original plaque will be placed in the National Bird Dog Museum to commemorate Mr. Tate's commitment and outstanding service to this most excellent sport; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Tate was also dedicated to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; he is survived by his loving wife, Pat,P and many family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tate leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant, sportsman, and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the bountiful life of Wayne Tate, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character as a man of honesty and devotion and his immense contributions to bird dog training and competition in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.